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Recycle Old Chemicals, Medicines This Saturday

Residents of San Marcos and Hays County are invited to drop off outdated toxic chemicals and unused medications during the free quarterly drive-through Household Hazardous Waste collection this Saturday.

The collection will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, Jan. 23, at City Hall, 630 E. Hopkins in the traffic yard, across from the large HEB. Entry is through the City Hall parking lot. Please bring proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill).

Residents are asked to transport chemicals in the trunk and keep products in their original containers. If a container is broken, the contents should be placed in a container of the same material. Do not combine chemicals.

In addition to outdated chemicals, residents may also dispose of outdated medicines in "Operation Medicine Chest" coordinated by the San Marcos Police Department and Home Instead Senior Care.

"This program is a way to help protect seniors from accidentally using expired medications as well as safeguarding them from the potential for theft of medications from their homes," said Carolyn Casey of the Home Instead Senior Care local office. "The project also can help protect the environment including pets and other animals by providing a safe way to dispose of prescription drugs before they are introduced into landfills or the water supply."

No medications should be flushed into the wastewater system.

The quarterly collection is sponsored by the City of San Marcos Public Services and Police Departments, Hays County, and Home Instead Senior Care.

Materials that will be accepted include:

- Cleaning products: drain cleaners, concentrates, degreasers, oven cleaners, solvents, polishes, pool chemicals, and household batteries

- Paint Products: latex and oil based paints, spray paints, thinners, strippers, preservatives, brush cleaners, etc.
- Gardening products: pesticides, sprays, dusts, weed killers, rat poisons, and insecticides.
- Automotive products: antifreeze and batteries, motor oil, oil filters, brake fluids, and transmission fluids.
- CFLs, fluorescent light bulbs, and pharmaceuticals will also be collected.
- Expired or no longer used medications

Items that will not be accepted include tires, containers larger than five gallons, empty containers, compressed gas cylinders or wastes generated by businesses.

The drive through event will be held rain or shine. For more information call the Public Services Department at 393-8036.

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